GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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POST RETIREMENT BENEFITS SCHEME TO EMPLOYEES OF ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) extended the Post Retirement Benefit Scheme (PRBS) to its employee (other than executives) in 1995;

(b) if so, whether the ONGC employees who were Members of the Family Pension Scheme 1971 were given the option to join PRBS;

(c) if so, whether the monthly contribution with interest thereon was refunded to the employees who retired between 1971 to 1993 on their retirement;

(d) if so, whether the employees who retired between 1973 to 1995 were granted pensionary benefits under PRBS;

(e) if so, whether the employees who retired since November 1995 are being denied any type of benefit under PRBS;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and
(g) the measures taken or proposed to be taken for settlement of rightful claims of post November 1995 voluntarily retired employees of ONGC?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): Yes, Sir. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) extended the Post Retirement Benefit Scheme (PRBS) to it employees, other than executives, with effect from 16.11.1995.

(b): No, Sir. The PRBS has been implemented for all the employees of ONGC with effect from 16.11.1995.

(c): Refund of monthly contribution made by ONGC employees to the Family Pension Scheme, 1971with interest thereon, has to be made by the Office of the Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner (APFC), Dehradun. ONGC, on its part, has forwarded withdrawa benefit claims received by ONGC from its employees who retired between 1971 to 1993, to the office of APFC, Dehradun for taking further necessary action in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme since settlement is to be made by that office.

(d): No, Sir. The employees who retired prior to 16.11.1995 were not granted pensionary benefits under PRBS, since the Scheme was not existing.

(e) & (f): The employees who retired after 16.11.1995 are granted pensionary benefits under PRBS since the Scheme was introduced for the employees only from that date.

(g): All rightful claims of the ONGC employees who voluntarily retired during the period from 16.11.1995 onwards are already settled on being settled in accordance with the provisions of the PRBS.